Registered Refugees and Asylum-Seekers in DRC

Key Figures

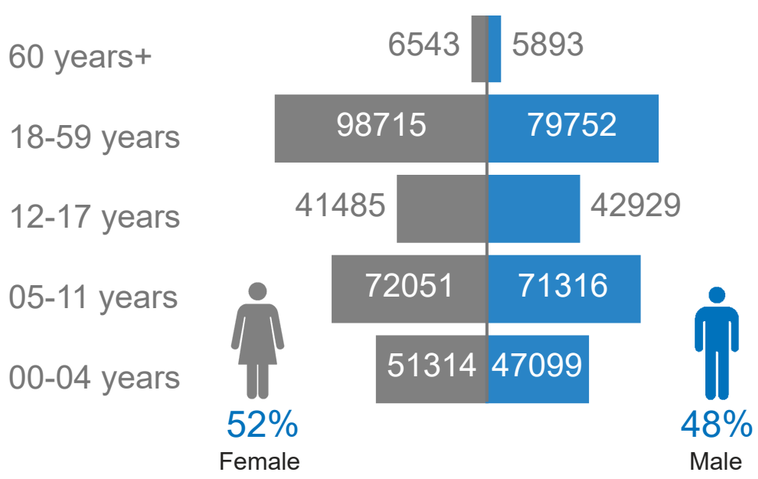
529,687 Refugees and Asylum Seekers (as of 30 November 2021)

517,108 Registered Refugees (as of 30 November 2021)

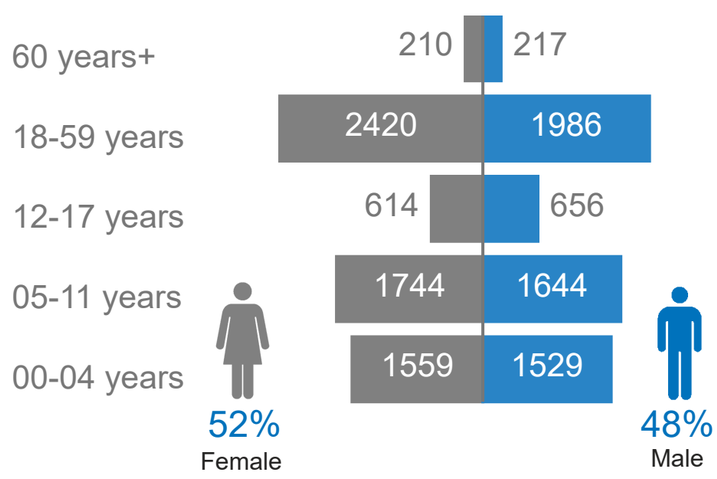
12,579 Asylum Seekers (as of 30 November 2021)

229,543 Refugees and Asylum Seekers biometrically registered

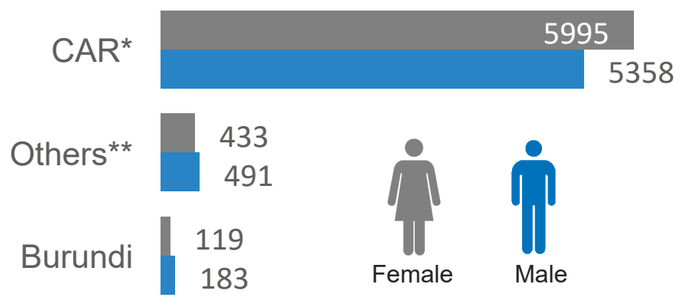
Age and Gender of Refugee Population



Age and Gender of Asylum Seekers Population



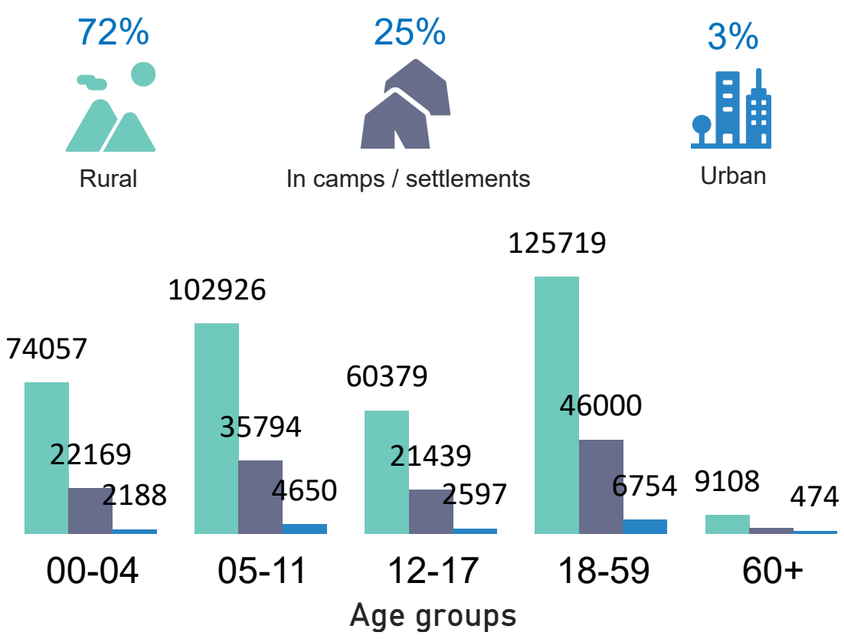
Asylum Seekers Population by Country of Origin



*Central African Republic

**Other countries include Rwanda, Somalia, Angola, Republic of Congo, Cameroon, Syria, Chad, Mali, Liberia, Cote d'Ivoire, Sudan, Palestine, Ethiopia, Lebanon, Niger, Kenya, Romania, Eritrea, Gambia, Zimbabwe, French Guyana, Gabon and Sierra Leone.

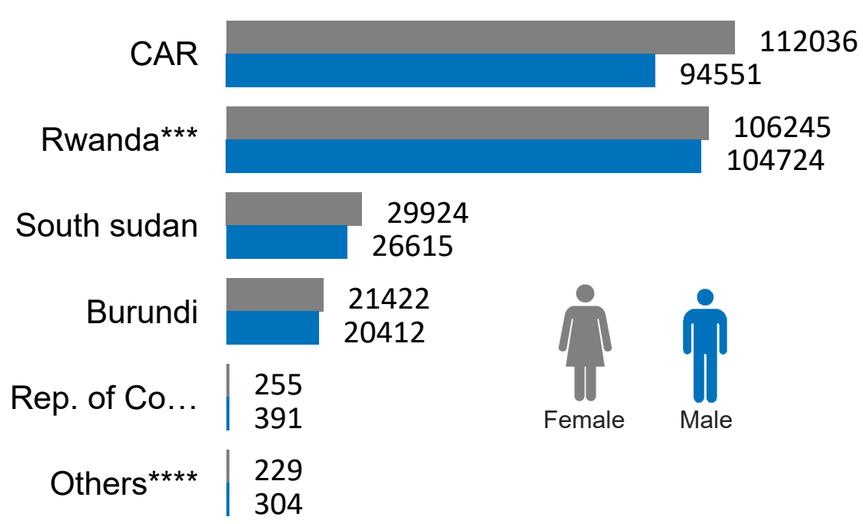
Refugee Population by Type of Location



Situation Overview

During this period, the refugee population in the DRC increased slightly from 515,396 on 10/31/2021 to 517,108 on 11/30/2021, an increase of 1,710 people. The increase in the number of refugees during the month of November of 5,492 people is explained by the registration of 558 new Burundian arrivals; registration of 891 births: Burundians (871) and Central Africans (20), and regularizations of 4,043 people: Burundians (148), South Sudanese (6), Central Africans (3,879) and Rwandans (30). The decrease in the number of refugees during the month of November of 3,782 is due to the repatriation: Burundians (281) and Central Africans (3,457) and the regularizations of 44 people of other nationalities. As of November 30, the number of asylum seekers in the DRC is 12,579 including 11,353 people registered during the Central African emergency and 1,226 other cases of various nationalities: 545 awaiting their Refugee Status Determination (RSD) in urban areas [Goma (134), Bukavu (1), Lubumbashi (219), Likasi (1), Kolwezi (3), Kinshasa (187)] and 681 in other localities in rural areas.

Refugee Population by Country of Origin



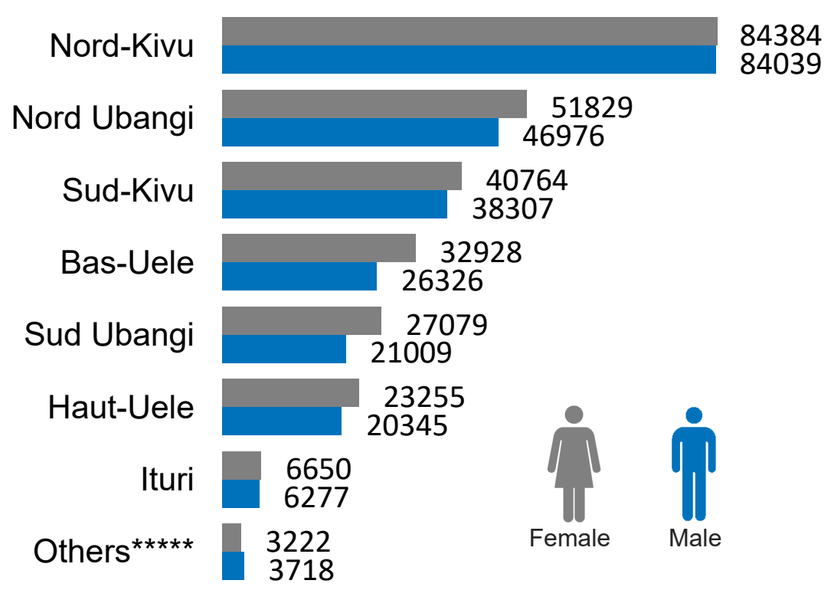
*** As of November 30, 2021, 137,424 is the number of Rwandan refugees in the DRC registered by the DRC government not yet biometrically verified.

****Other countries include Angola, Sudan, Uganda, Somalia, Côte d'Ivoire, Eritrea, Syria, Liberia, Chad, etc.

Number of refugees repatriated from the DRC

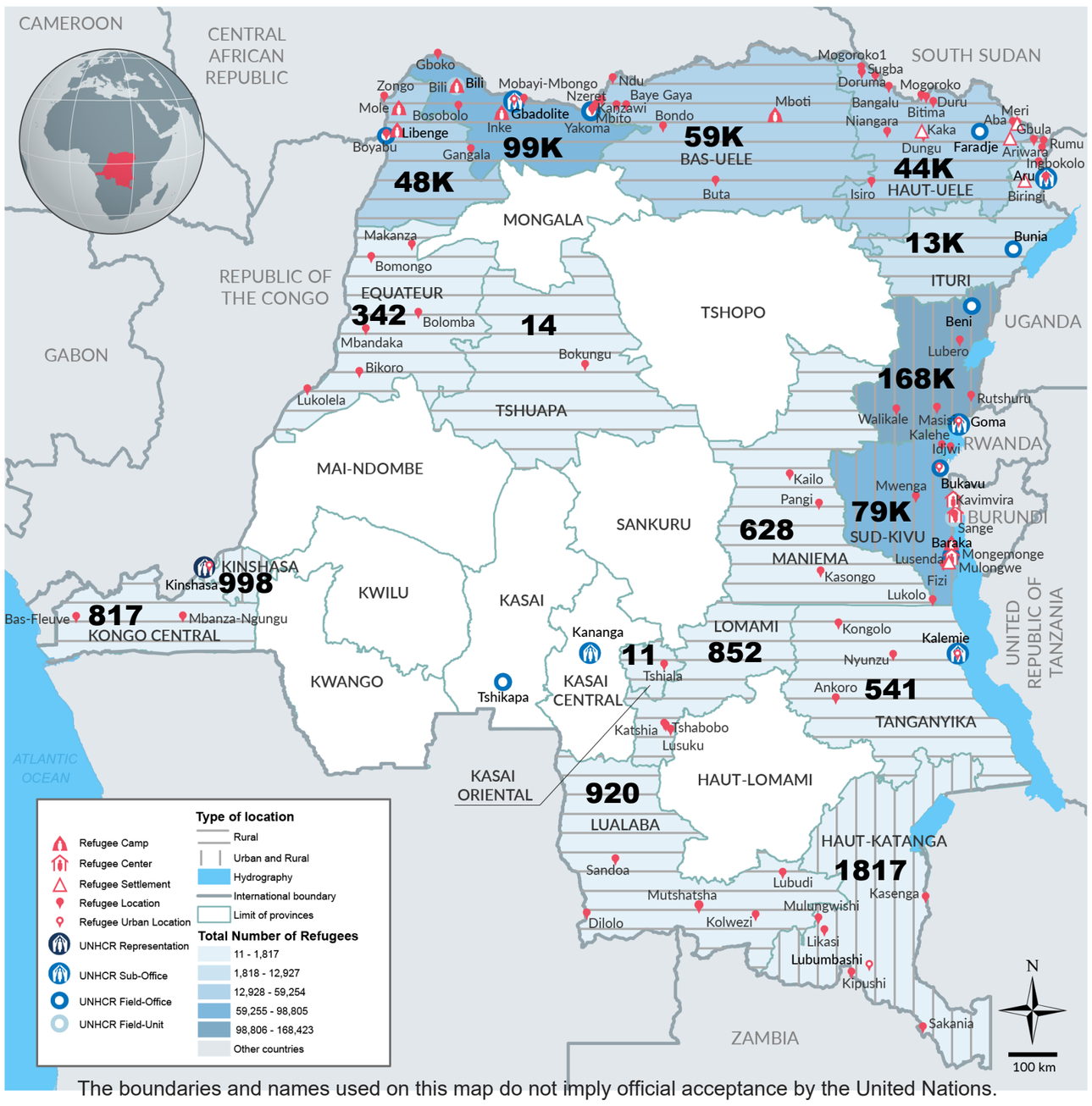
Country of origin	year 2018	year 2019	year 2020	year 2021	Total
Burundi	180	101	1943	7296	9520
CAR	9	3137	2061	4255	9462
Rwanda	3053	2136	922	1590	7701
Rep. of Congo		3	5		8

Refugee Population by Province in DRC



***** The other provinces include Haut-Katanga, Kinshasa, Lualaba, Lomami, Kongo-Central, Maniema, Tanganyika, Equateur, Tshuapa and Kasaï-Oriental.

Locations of Refugee Population in DRC



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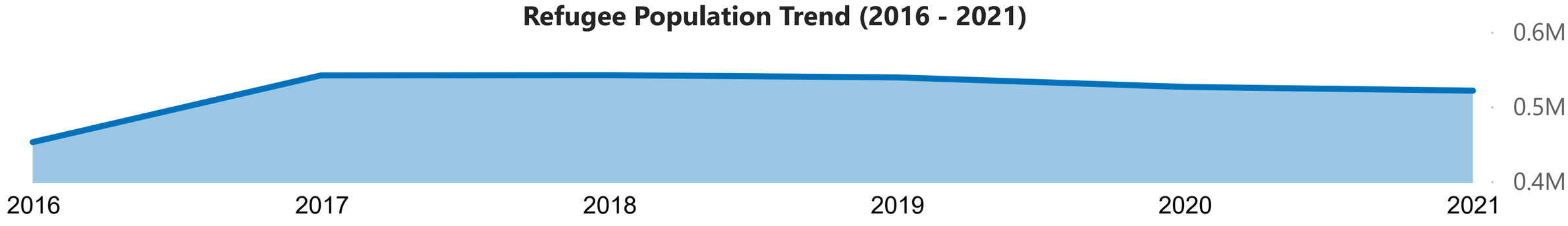


Profile of Refugee Population in DRC

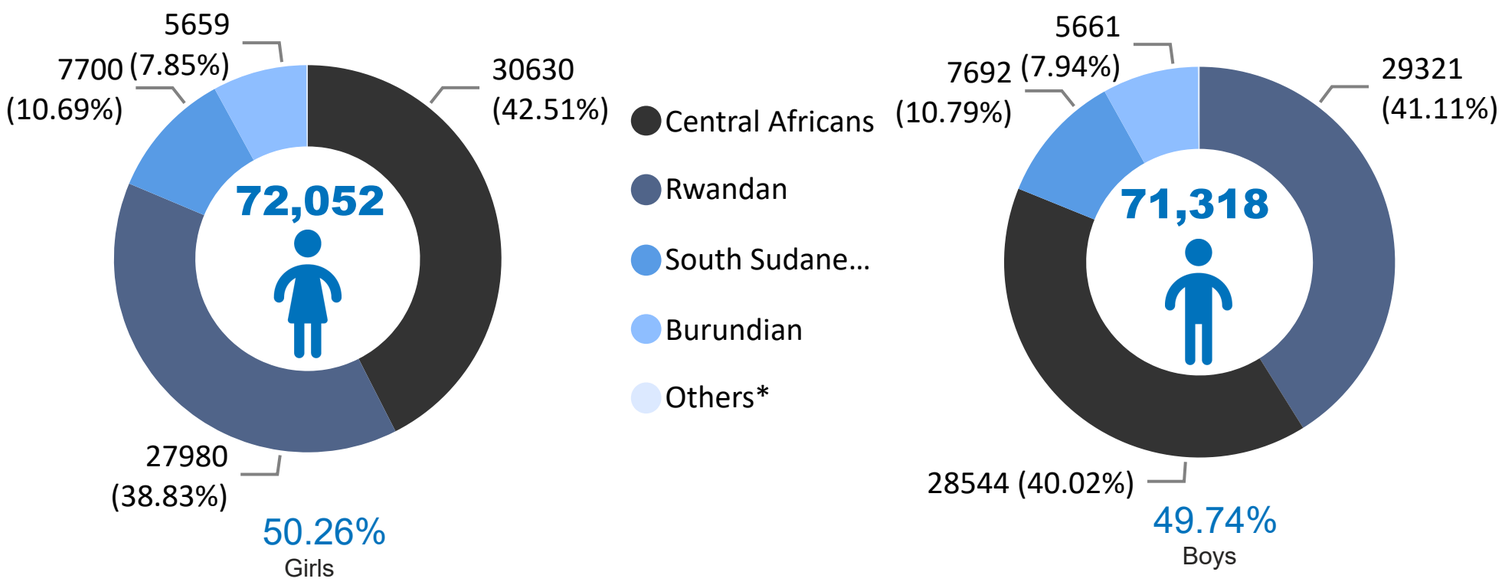
A) School-age children for primary and secondary education

1. School-age children : 326,199 people

Nationalities	girls 0-4 years	girls 5-11 years	girls 12-17 years	boys 0-4 years	boys 5-11 years	boys 12-17 years	Total	%
Rwandan	22308	27980	19057	19137	29321	20334	138137	0.42
Central Africans	19560	30630	15235	18693	28544	15285	127947	0.39
South Sudanese	5304	7700	3969	5080	7692	4056	33801	0.10
Burundian	4097	5659	3141	4146	5661	3171	25875	0.08
Others*	45	83	83	44	100	84	439	0.00
Total	**51314**	**72052**	**41485**	**47100**	**71318**	**42930**	**326199**	**1.00**

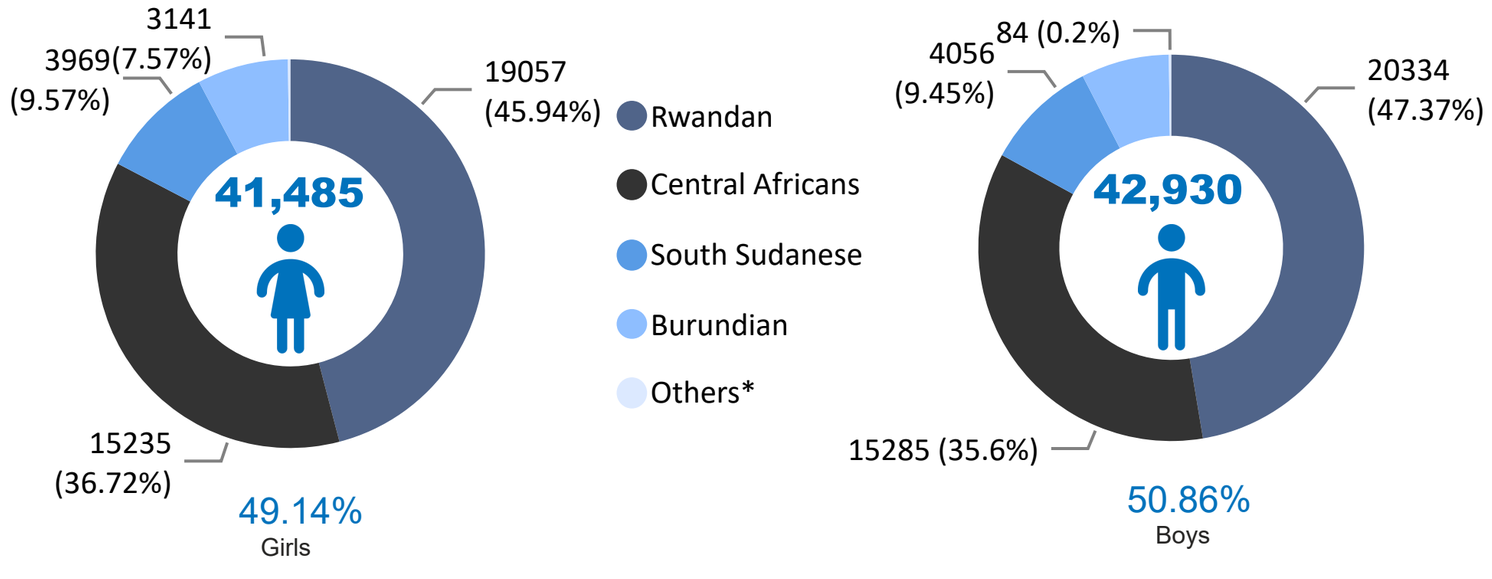
*Other nationalities include those of the following countries: Republic of Congo, Angola, Sudan, Uganda, Côte d'Ivoire, Somalia, Chad, Eritrea, Liberia and Syria.

2. Number of children of primary school age: 142,819 people : 143,370 people



Of all refugees in the Democratic Republic of Congo, children of primary school age constitute 44% of refugee children of school age. The majority of these children are made up of Rwandans (39.97%) and Central Africans (41.27%) and is distributed almost evenly between girls (50.26%) and boys (49.74%).

3. Number of children of secondary school age : 84,415 people



Of all refugees in the Democratic Republic of Congo, children of secondary school age constitute 26% of refugee children of school age. The majority of these children are made up of Rwandans (46.66%) and Central Africans (36.15%) and is distributed almost evenly between girls (49.14%) and boys (50.86%).
It should also be noted that 10,878 children (of which 3,645 are from the host population) in the North and South Ubangi provinces are targeted by the ECW (Education Cannot Wait) program.

B) Persons with specific needs: 37,191

Specific needs	0-4 years	5-11 years	12-17 years	18-59 years	60 years +	Total	%
Woman at risk	9	37	149	8790	402	9387	25.24%
Serious medical condition	307	201	805	5659	414	7386	19.86%
Older person at risk	0	5	5	107	6483	6600	17.75%
Single parent	2	21	14	5148	363	5548	14.92%
Unaccompanied or separated child	272	1550	1500	690	5	4017	10.80%
Disability	36	309	277	1832	533	2987	8.03%
Child at risk	14	94	370	254	0	732	1.97%
Specific legal and physical protection needs	7	29	47	322	28	433	1.16%
Gender-based violence	0	1	3	44	1	49	0.13%
Torture	0	0	0	32	3	35	0.09%
Family unity	0	0	4	12	1	17	0.05%

C) Documentation (issued by the Government): 59,022

Burundian, Central African and South Sudanese refugees living in camps / sites, aged 12 and over, all have refugee ID cards (the total population living in camps / sites is 128,206 people). Out of 529,687 refugees and asylum seekers living in the DRC as of November 30, 2021, **375,823** have received protection documents; or **70.7%** of the total population.

Central African Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Key Figures

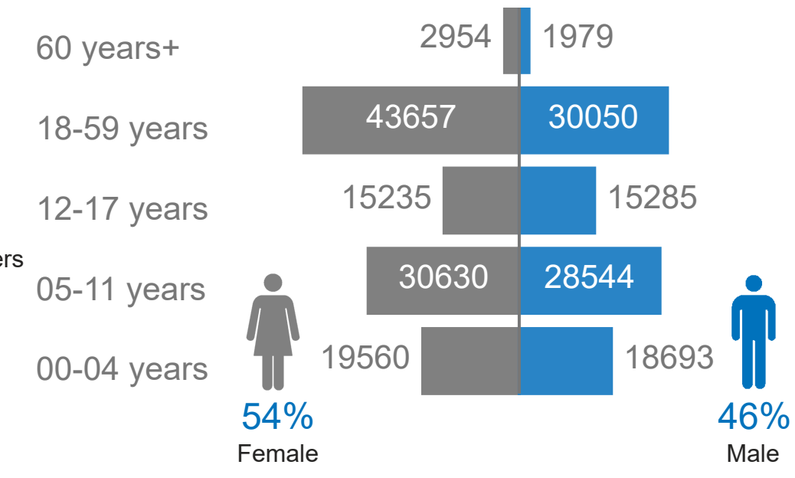
217,940
Refugees and Asylum Seekers
(as of 30 November 2021)

206,587
Registered Refugees
(as of 30 November 2021)

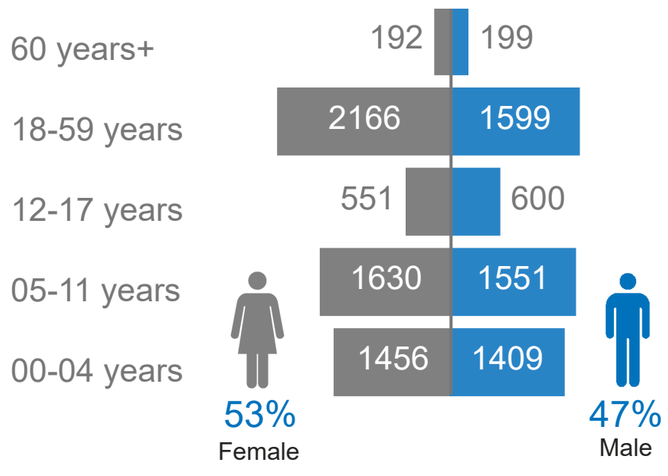
11,353
Asylum Seekers
(as of 30 November 2021)

163,091
Refugees and Asylum Seekers biometrically registered

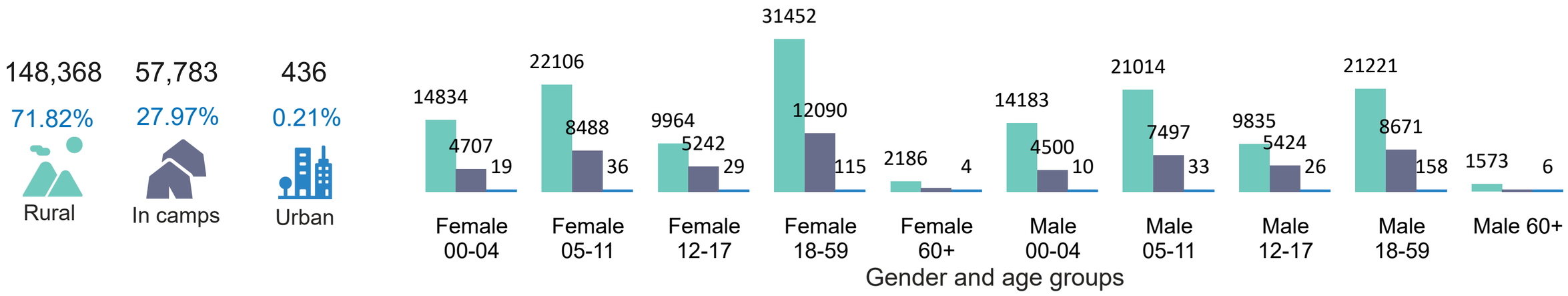
Age and Gender of Refugee Population



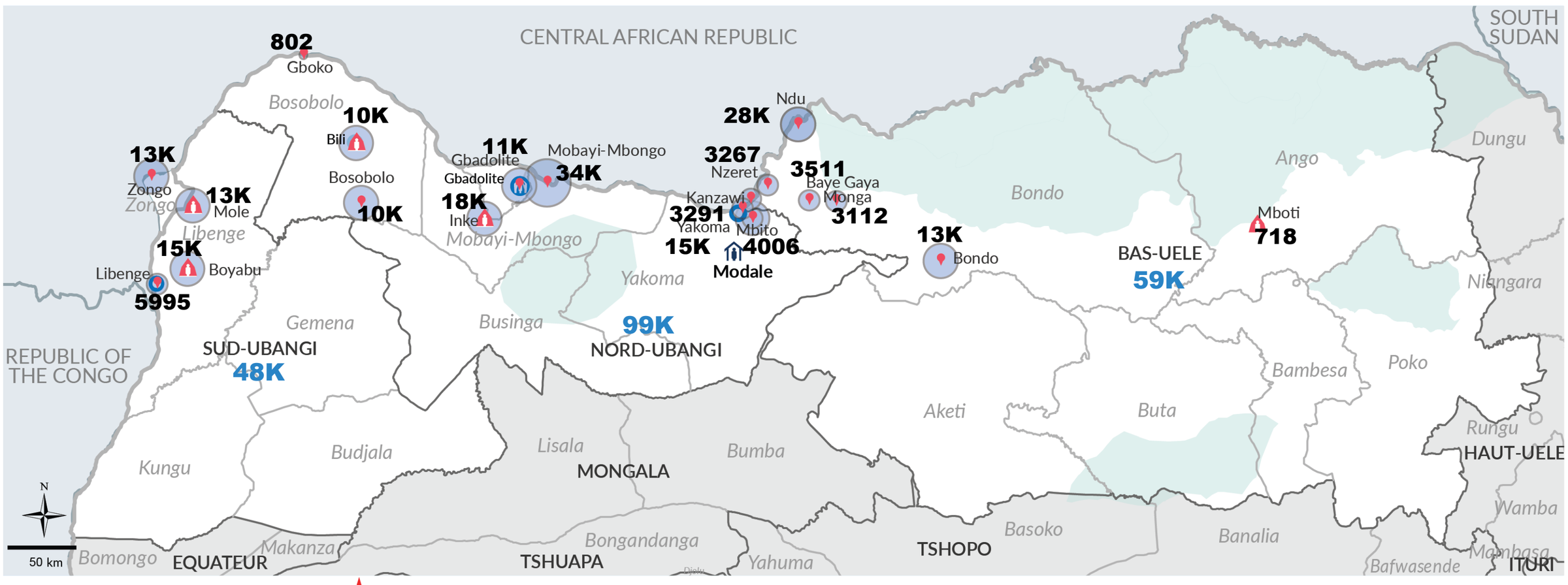
Age and Gender of Asylum Seekers



Central African Refugee Population by Type of Location



Locations of Central African Refugee Population in DRC



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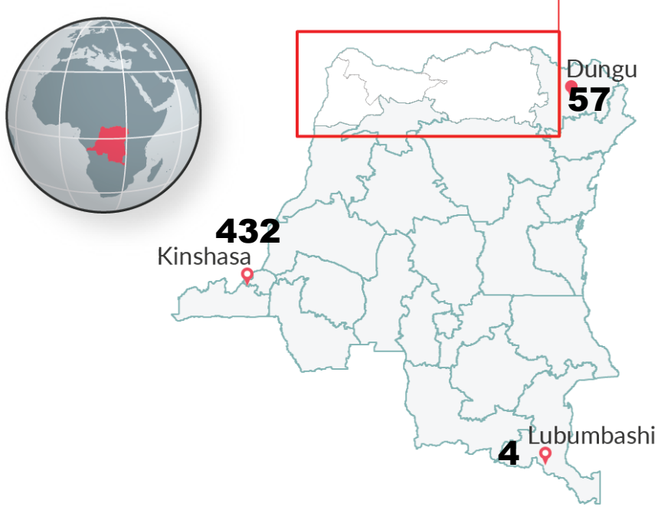
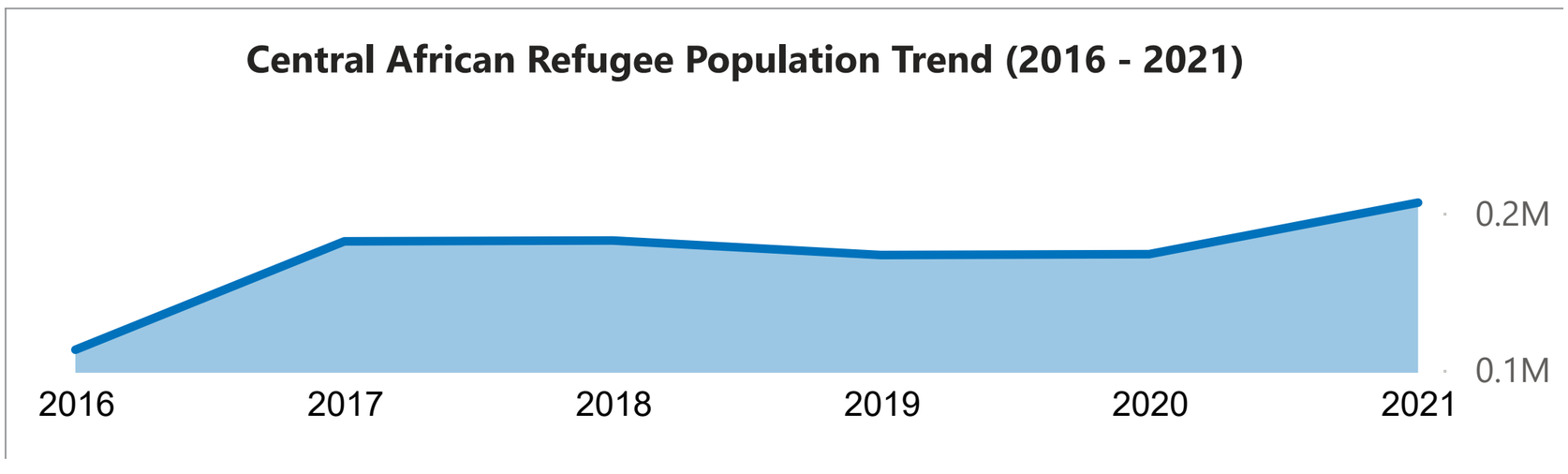




Comments about the figures of Central African refugees

The security situation in the Central African Republic (CAR) deteriorated during the period preceding or following the presidential and legislative elections of December 27, 2020. This situation resulted in an influx of refugees in neighboring countries and in particular in the DRC in the provinces of North Ubangi, South Ubangi and Bas Uele.

As of November 30, 2021, the number of Central African refugees is 206,587. 4,255 people were repatriated to the Central African Republic in October and November from the camps (1,297 in Mole, 2,390 in Boyabu and 568 in Inke). This means that the number of Central African refugees and asylum seekers in the DRC is therefore equal to 217,940 people, including 206,587 refugees and 11,353 asylum seekers. 20,959 identity cards for refugees have already been issued.

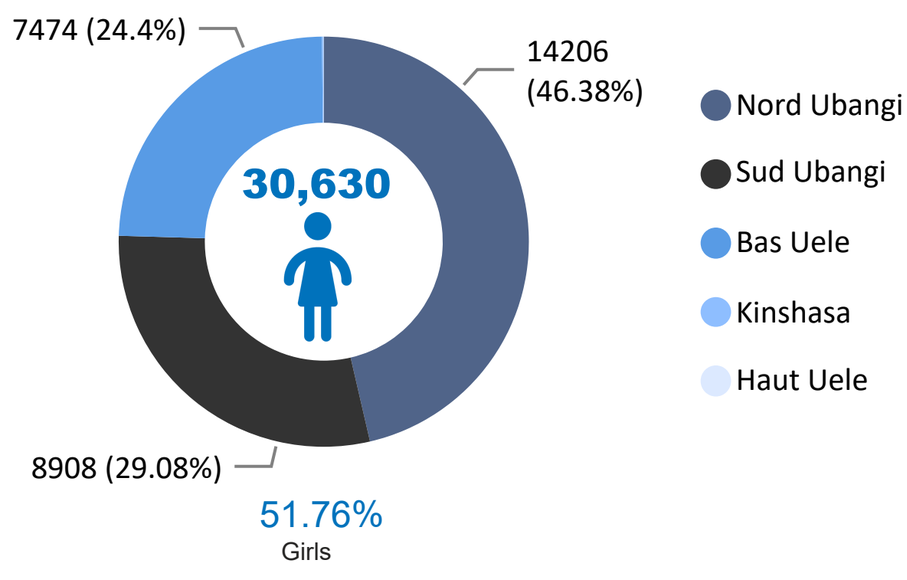
Profile of Central African Refugees in DRC

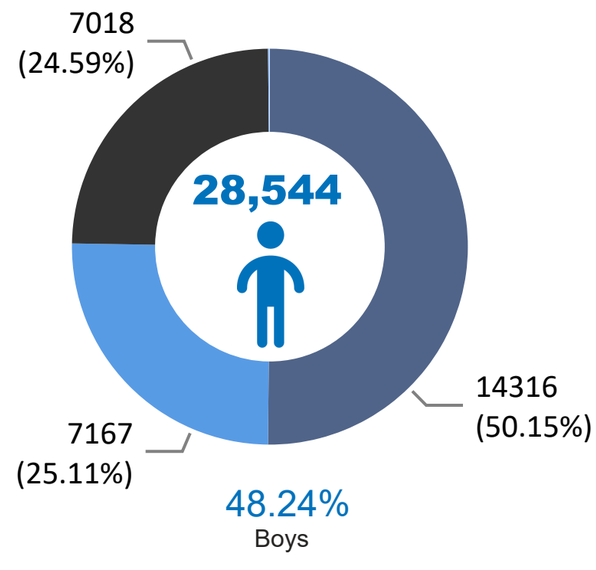
A) School-age children for primary and secondary education

1. School-age children : 127,947 people

Provinces	girls 0-4 years	girls 5-11 years	girls 12-17 years	boys 0-4 years	boys 5-11 years	boys 12-17 years	Total	%
Nord Ubangi	8346	14206	7198	8209	14316	7489	59764	0.47
Bas Uele	6243	7474	4286	6237	7167	4046	35453	0.28
Sud Ubangi	4948	8908	3721	4227	7018	3721	32543	0.25
Kinshasa	19	36	29	10	33	26	153	0.00
Haut Uele	4	6	1	10	10	3	34	0.00
Total	**19560**	**30630**	**15235**	**18693**	**28544**	**15285**	**127947**	**1.00**

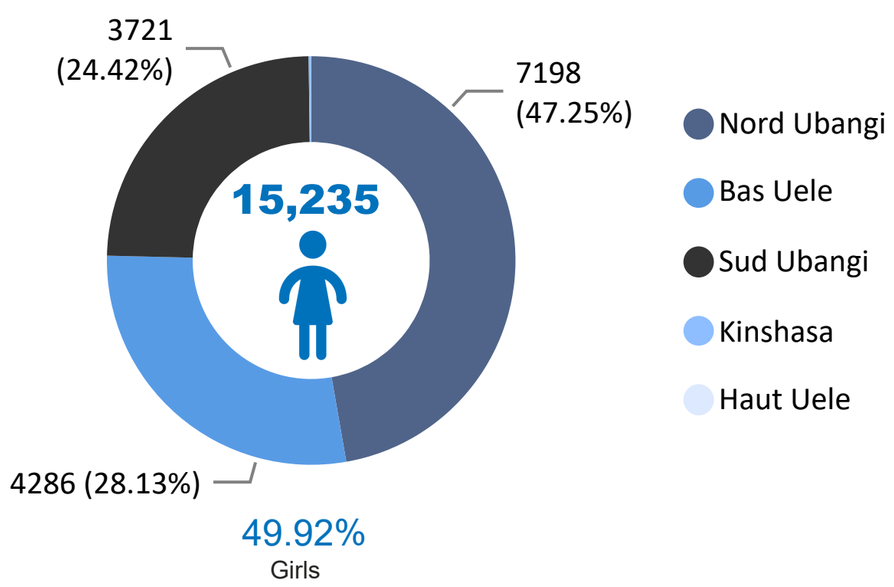
2. Number of children of primary school age : 59,174 people

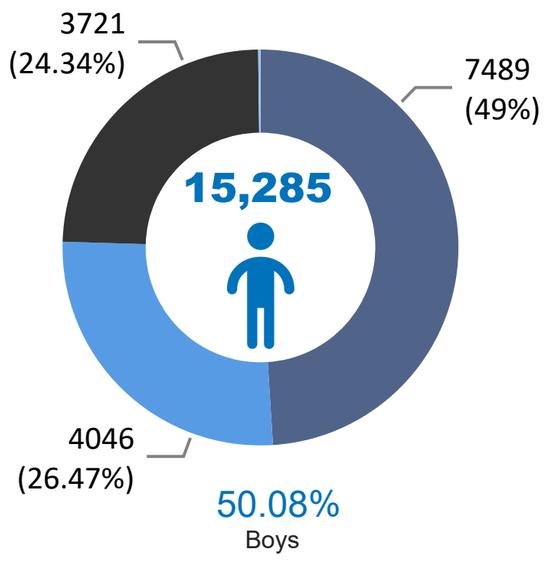




Of all Central African refugees, children of primary school age constitute 46% of refugee children of school age. The majority of these children are found in the provinces of North Ubangi (48.20%), Sud Ubangi (24.74%) and Bas-Uele (26.91%). These children of primary school age are distributed almost evenly between girls (51.76%) and boys (48.24%).

3. Number of children of secondary school age : 30,520 people





Of all Central African refugees, children of secondary school age constitute 24% of refugee children of school age. The majority of these children are found in the provinces of North Ubangi (48.12%), Sud Ubangi (27.3%) and Bas-Uele (24.38%). These children of secondary school age are distributed almost evenly between girls (49.92%) and boys (50.08%).

B) Persons with specific needs: 24,528

Specific needs	0-4 years	5-11 years	12-17 years	18-59 years	60 years +	Total	%
Woman at risk	8	19	143	5611	261	6042	24.63%
Serious medical condition	287	0	719	4010	244	5260	21.44%
Older person at risk	0	3	1	34	4798	4836	19.72%
Single parent	2	10	11	3145	262	3430	13.98%
Unaccompanied or separated child	259	1131	873	130	0	2393	9.76%
Disability	28	165	176	1123	274	1766	7.20%
Child at risk	13	52	313	132	0	510	2.08%
Specific legal and physical protection needs	7	25	45	161	17	255	1.04%
Torture	0	0	0	28	3	31	0.13%
Family unity	0	0	1	3	1	5	0.02%
Gender-based violence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%

C) Occupation (top 7 occupation for aged 18 and above Individuals): 81,606 people with an occupation

Profession	women	men	Total	%
Skilled market-oriented agricultural workers	33527	16355	49882	61.13%
Sales employees	8944	2782	11726	14.37%
Skilled market-oriented forestry, fishing and hunting workers	401	8580	8981	11.01%
Agricultural, forestry and fishing laborers	3460	1624	5084	6.23%
Associate professionals in business and administration	2526	1671	4197	5.14%
Legal, social and cultural professionals	112	771	883	1.08%
Teaching professionals	193	660	853	1.05%

South Sudanese Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Key Figures

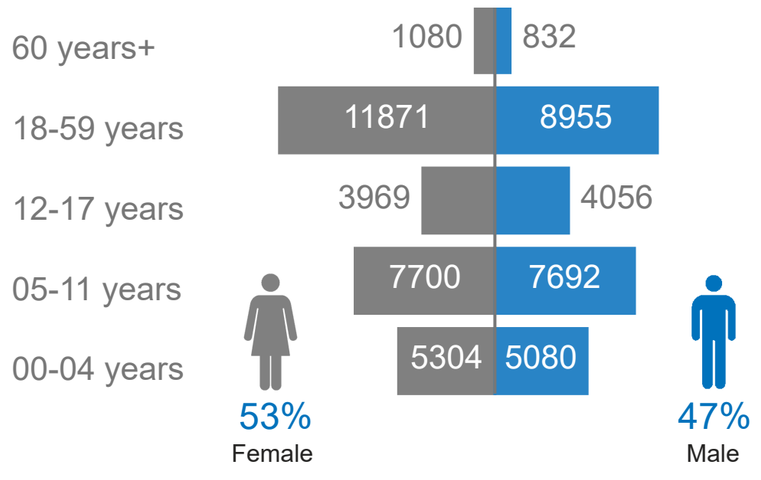
57,155
Reugees and Asylum Seekers
(as of 30 November 2021)

56,539
Registered Refugees
(as of 30 November 2021)

616
Asylum Seekers
(as of 30 November 2021)

33,870
Refugees and Asylum Seekers
biometrically registered

Age and Gender of Refugee Population



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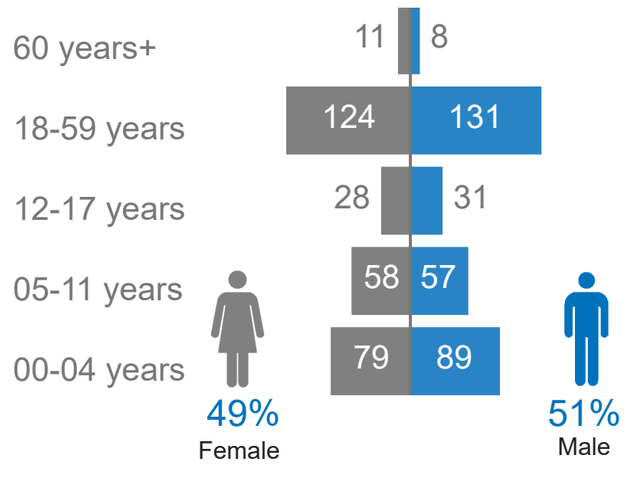
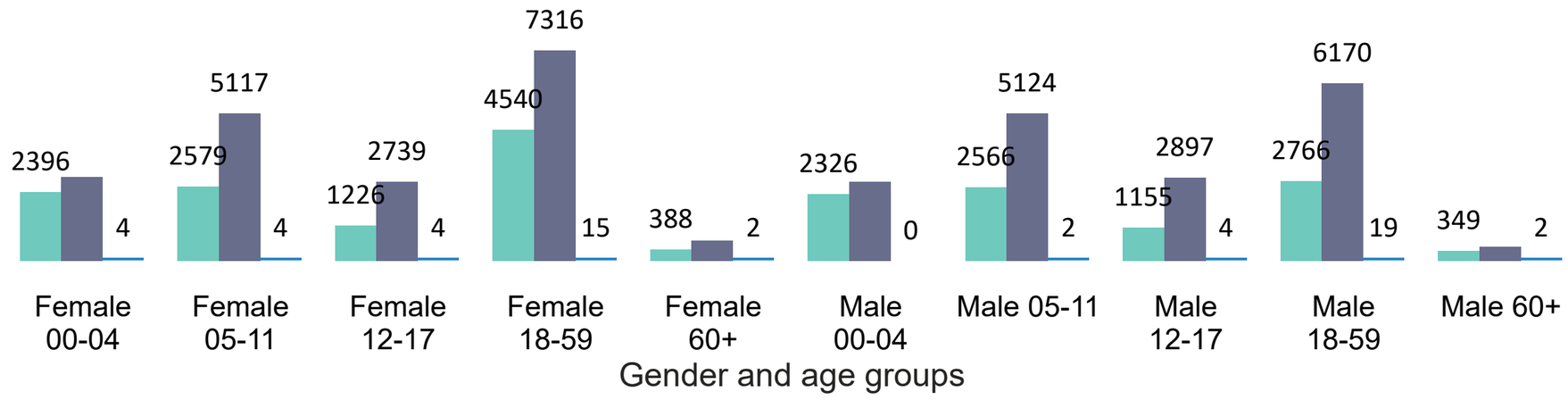
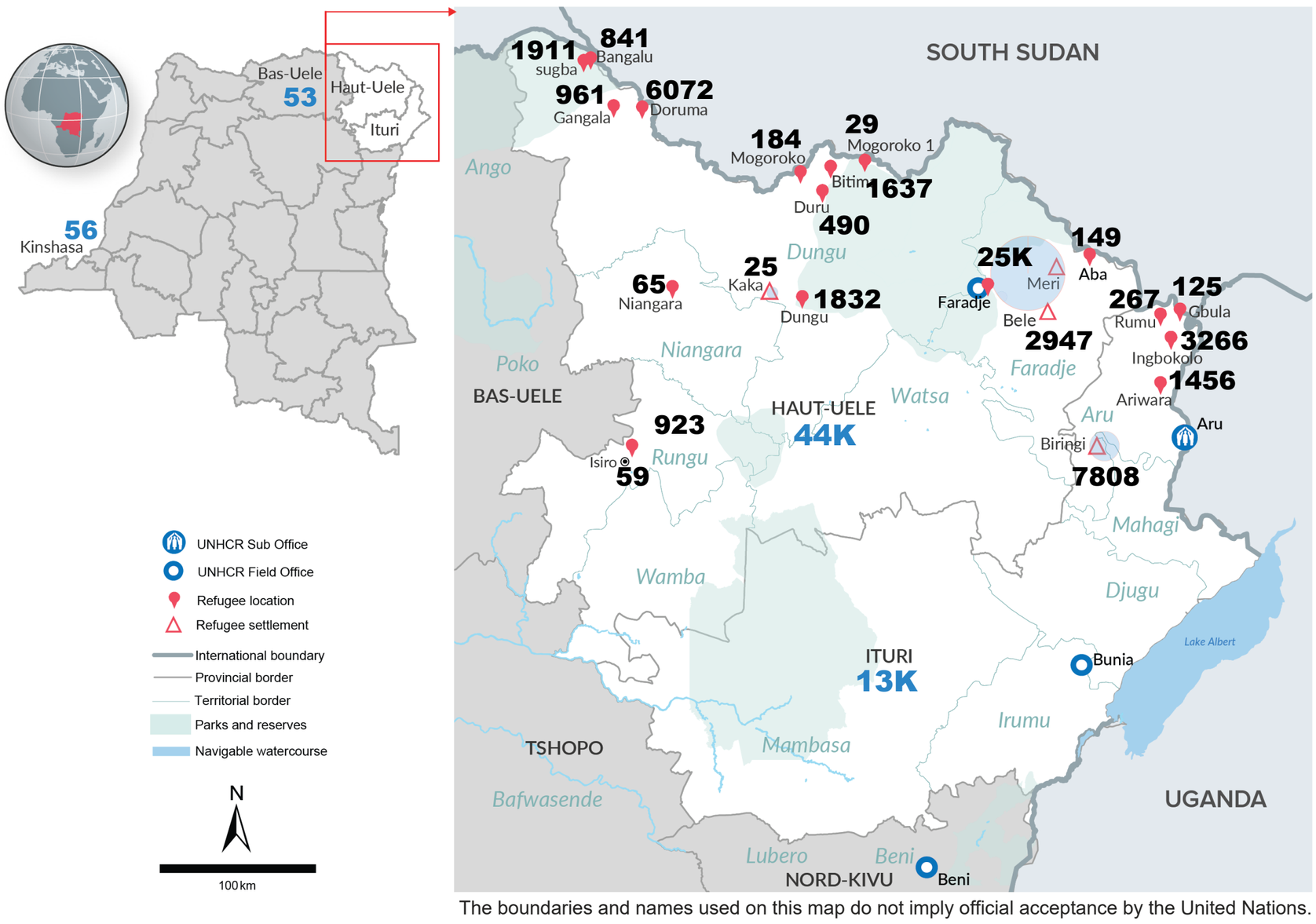


South Sudanese Refugee Population by Type of Location

Rural	In settlements	Urban
20,291	36,192	56
35.89%	64.01%	0.1%



Location of South Sudanese Refugees in DRC



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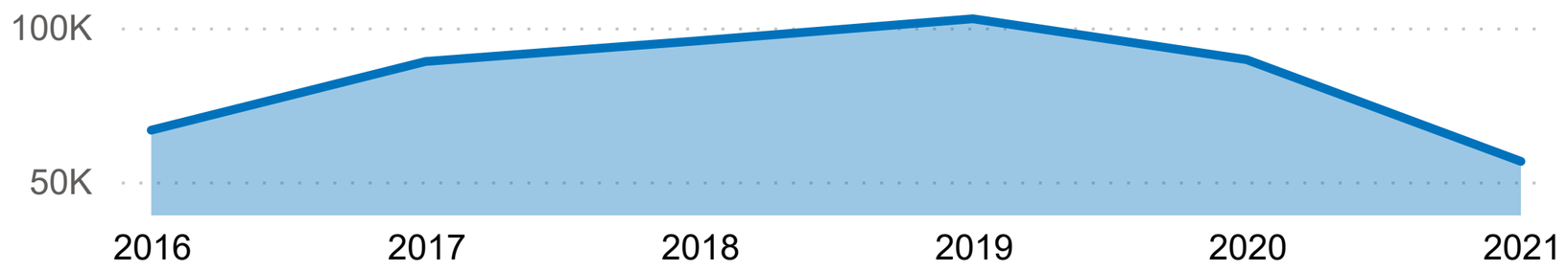


Comments about the figures of South Sudanese refugees

The situation of the South Sudanese refugee population underwent a small slight increase during the month of November 2021.

The overall figures of our South Sudanese beneficiaries who are in our 3 sites (Biringi, Meri and Bele) are in total 36,172 or 63.9% of the overall population of SSDs (56,539).

All the refugees living in the 3 sites have identity documents issued by the CNR with technical support from the UNHCR. However, most ID cards will expire by the end of the year.

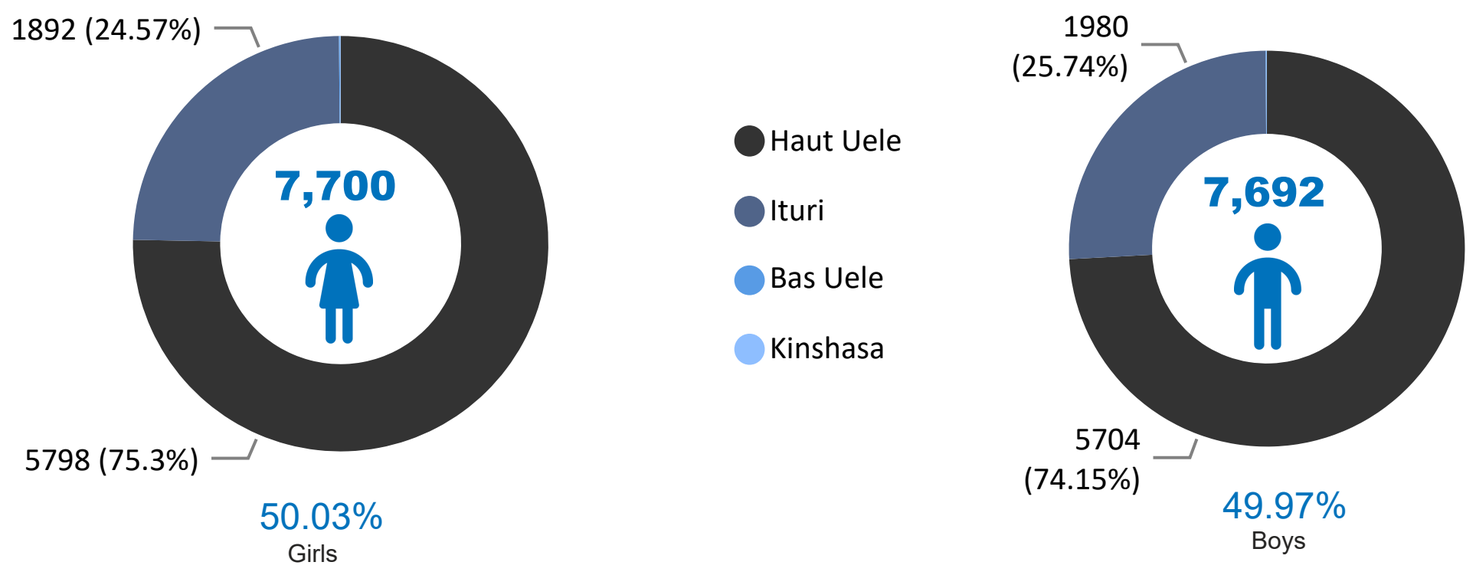
Profile of South Sudanese Refugees in DRC

A) School-age children for primary and secondary education

1. School-age children : 33,801 people

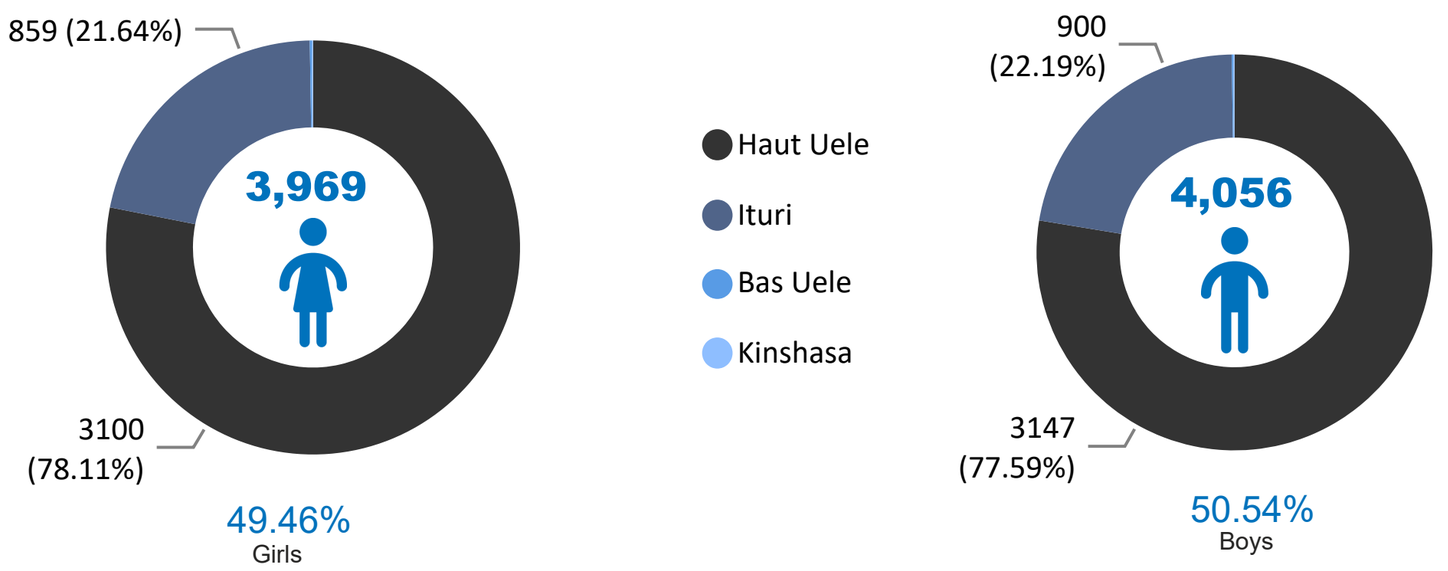
Provinces	girls 0-4 years	girls 5-11 years	girls 12-17 years	boys 0-4 years	boys 5-11 years	boys 12-17 years	Total	%
Haut Uele	4140	5798	3100	3952	5704	3147	25841	0.76
Ituri	1156	1892	859	1122	1980	900	7909	0.23
Bas Uele	4	6	6	6	6	5	33	0.00
Kinshasa	4	4	4	0	2	4	18	0.00
Total	**5304**	**7700**	**3969**	**5080**	**7692**	**4056**	**33801**	**1.00**

2. Number of children of primary school age : 15,392 people



Of all South Sudanese refugees, children of primary school age constitute 46% of refugee children of school age. The majority of these children are found in the provinces of Haut Uele (74.73%) and Ituri (25.16%). These children of primary school age are distributed almost evenly between girls (50.03%) and boys (49.97%).

3. Number of children of secondary school age : 8,025 people



Of all South Sudanese refugees, children of secondary school age constitute 24% of refugee children of school age. The majority of these children are found in the provinces of Haut Uele (77.84%) and Ituri (21.92%). These children of secondary school age are distributed almost evenly between girls (49.46%) and boys (50.54%).

B) Persons with specific needs: 8,123

Specific needs	0-4 years	5-11 years	12-17 years	18-59 years	60 years +	Total	%
Woman at risk	1	16	6	2250	106	2379	29.29%
Unaccompanied or separated child	11	391	571	532	5	1510	18.59%
Older person at risk	0	2	4	68	1278	1352	16.64%
Serious medical condition	16	129	48	989	105	1287	15.84%
Disability	5	77	63	408	213	766	9.43%
Single parent	0	6	2	567	54	629	7.74%
Child at risk	0	27	31	116	0	174	2.14%
Specific legal and physical protection needs	0	1	1	11	2	15	0.18%
Family unity	0	0	3	6	0	9	0.11%
Torture	0	0	0	2	0	2	0.02%

C) Occupation (top 7 occupation for aged 18 and above Individuals): 14,378 people with an occupation

Profession	women	men	Total	%
Field crop and vegetable producers	5883	3587	9470	65.86%
Mixed crop and livestock laborers	2305	1417	3722	25.89%
Street food vendors	336	67	403	2.80%
Drivers of cars, taxis and vans	139	129	268	1.86%
Service managers not elsewhere listed	5	193	198	1.38%
Primary School Teachers	100	72	172	1.20%
Mixed crop producers	36	109	145	1.01%

Burundian Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Key Figures

42,136
Refugees and Asylum Seekers
(as of 30 November 2021)

41,834
Registered Refugees
(as of 31 November 2021)

302
Asylum Seekers
(as of 30 November 2021)

28,108
Refugees and Asylum Seekers
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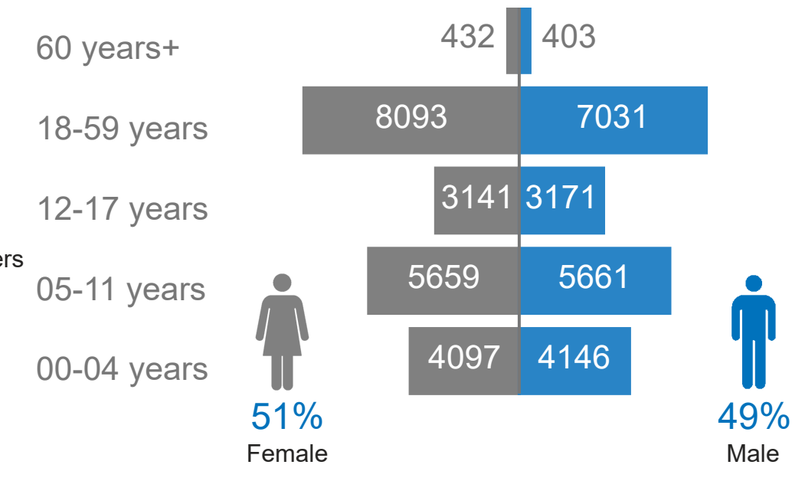
Age and Gender of Refugee Population



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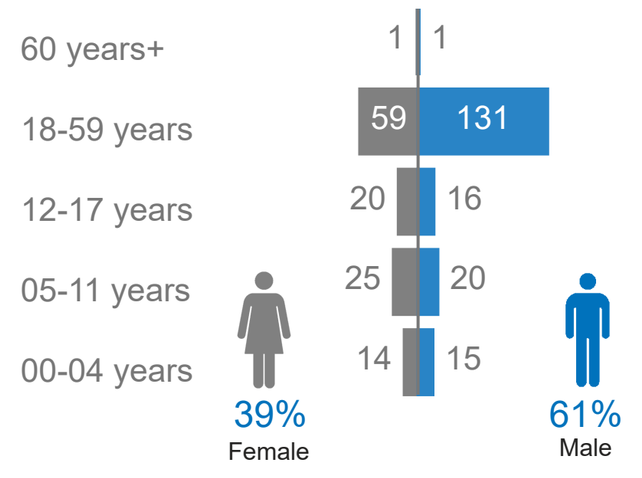
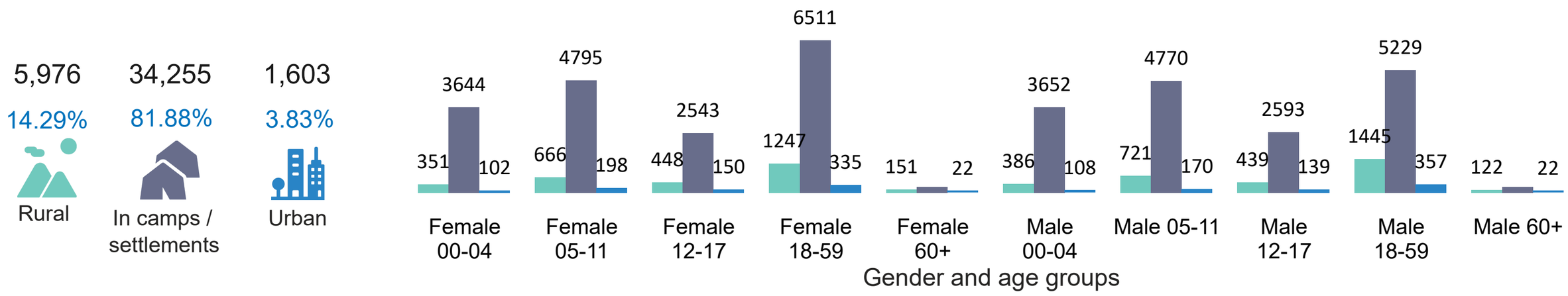
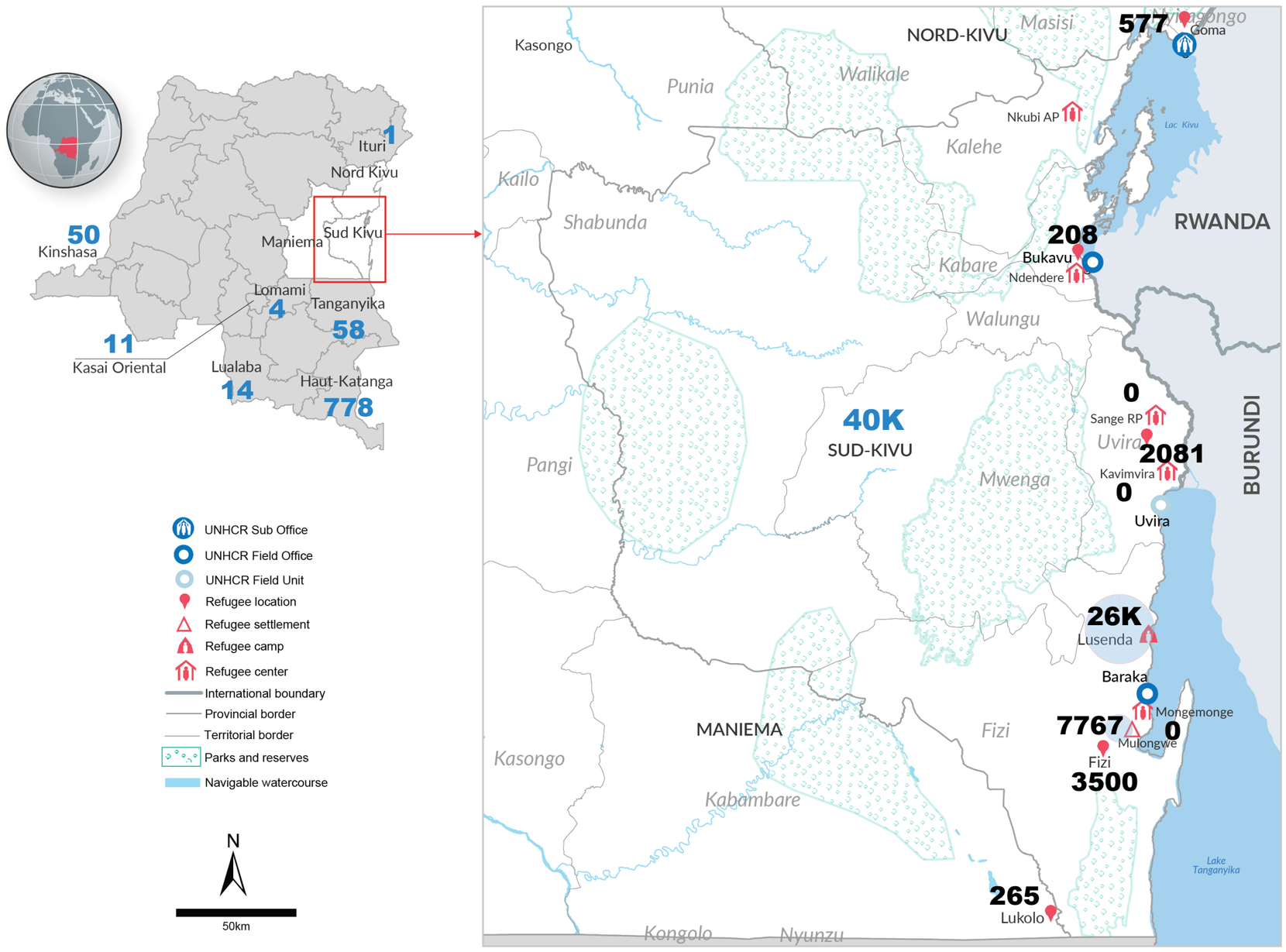


Burundian Refugee Population by Type of Location



Location of Burundian Refugees in DRC



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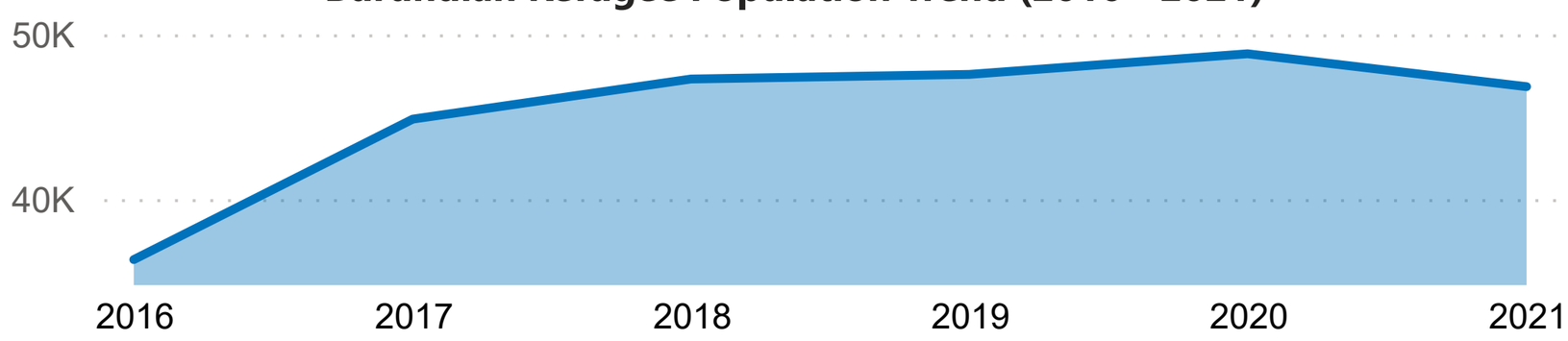
Burundian Refugee Population Trend (2016 - 2021)



Comments about the figures of Burundian refugees

281 Burundian refugees were repatriated to their country of origin in November 2021.

From January 1 to November 30, 2021, 7,296 Burundian refugees were repatriated to their country of origin. The number of Burundian refugees in the DRC is equal to 41,834.

All Burundian refugees have identity documents issued by CNR with technical support from UNHCR.

Profil des réfugiés burundais en RDC

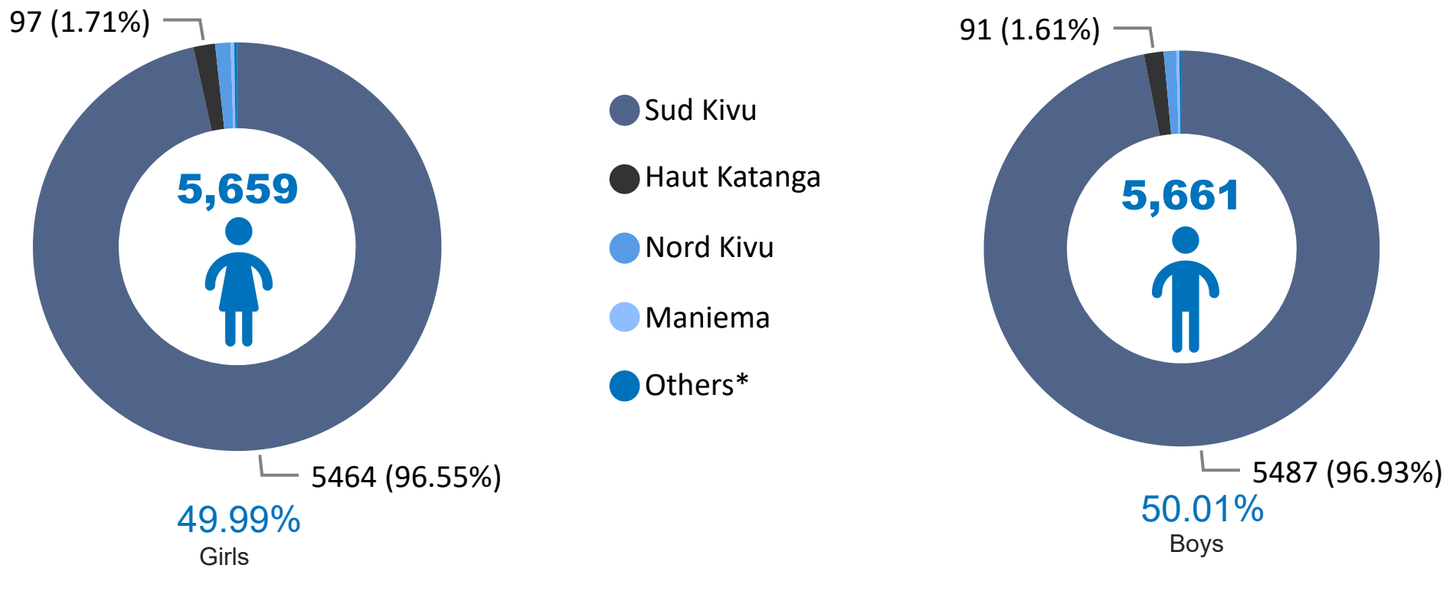
A) School-age children for primary and secondary education

1. School-age children : 25,875 people

Provinces	girls 0-4 years	girls 5-11 years	girls 12-17 years	boys 0-4 years	boys 5-11 years	boys 12-17 years	Total	%
Sud Kivu	3978	5464	2990	4018	5487	3043	24980	0.97
Haut Katanga	58	97	69	64	91	58	437	0.02
Nord Kivu	31	69	64	29	58	49	300	0.01
Maniema	25	16	5	27	14	6	93	0.00
Others*	5	13	13	8	11	15	65	0.00
Total	**4097**	**5659**	**3141**	**4146**	**5661**	**3171**	**25875**	**1.00**

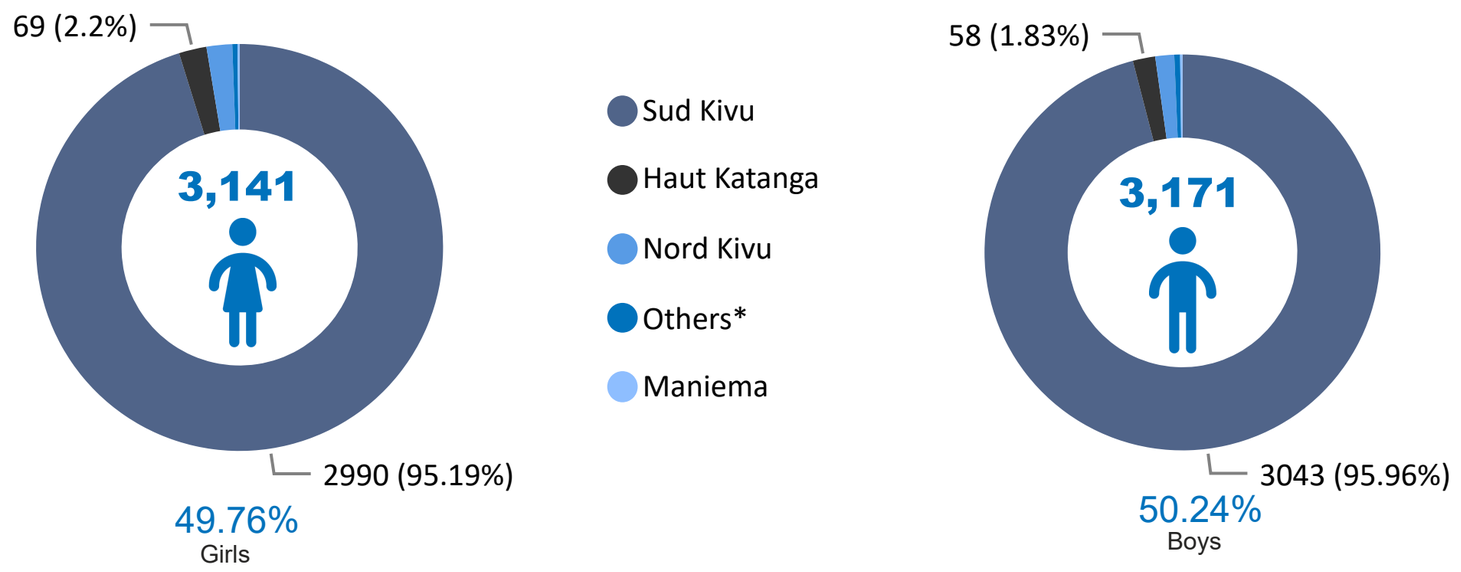
*Other provinces include: Tanganyika, Kinshasa, Lualaba, Kasai Oriental and Lomami

2. Number of children of primary school age : 11,320 people



Of all Burundian refugees, children of primary school age constitute 45% of refugee children of school age. The majority of these children are in the province of South Kivu (96.74%). These children of primary school age are distributed almost evenly between girls (49.99%) and boys (50.01%).

3. Number of children of secondary school age : 6,312 people



Of all Burundian refugees, children of secondary school age constitute 24% of refugee children of school age. The majority of these children are in the province of South Kivu (95.58%). These children of secondary school age are distributed almost evenly between girls (49.76%) and boys (50.24%).

B) Persons with specific needs: 4,540

Specific needs	0-4 years	5-11 years	12-17 years	18-59 years	60 years +	Total	%
Single parent	0	5	1	1436	47	1489	32.80%
Woman at risk	0	2	0	929	35	966	21.28%
Serious medical condition	4	72	38	660	65	839	18.48%
Disability	3	67	38	301	46	455	10.02%
Older person at risk	0	0	0	5	407	412	9.07%
Specific legal and physical protection needs	0	3	1	150	9	163	3.59%
Unaccompanied or separated child	2	28	56	28	0	114	2.51%
Gender-based violence	0	1	3	44	1	49	1.08%
Child at risk	1	15	26	6	0	48	1.06%
Family unity	0	0	0	3	0	3	0.07%
Torture	0	0	0	2	0	2	0.04%

C) Occupation (top 7 occupation for aged 18 and above Individuals): 10,072 people with an occupation

Profession	women	men	Total	%
Mixed crop and livestock laborers	4454	3052	7506	74.52%
Field crop and vegetable producers	1021	514	1535	15.24%
Commercial sales representatives	306	107	413	4.10%
Student	85	97	182	1.81%
Fishery workers in inland and coastal waters	4	169	173	1.72%
Tailors, dressmakers, furriers and hatters	74	62	136	1.35%
Drivers of cars, taxis and vans		127	127	1.26%